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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY DR. HANS FAHNING, DIRECTOR
OF THE HAMBURGISCHE LANDESBANK

1. DR. HANS FAHNING, PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR OF THE HAMBURGISCHE LANDESBANK AND FORMER STAATSRAT OF THE HAMBURG SENAT, WILL BE VISITING THE U.S. DURING MAY 1976. HE PLANS TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 13 AND WILL BE MEETING WITH OFFICIALS AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY THERE ON MAY 14. THE LANDESBANK IS THE EQUIVALENT OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF THE HAMBURG LAND GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH IT ALSO ACTS AS A COMMERICAL BANK.

2. DR. FAHNING HAS CONTACTED THE POST TO REQUEST A MEETING ON MAY 14 WITH ONE OR MORE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE RFG AND THE ROLE WHICH GERMAN BANKS MIGHT SERVE IN SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS. DR. FAHNING'S OFFICE SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED MEETING WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, BUT WE THINK STATE AND/OR POSSIBLE TREASURY MIGHT ALSO BE APPROPRIATE.

3. SHOULD FURTHER INFORMATION BE DESIRED CONCERNING DR. FAHNING'S BACKGROUND, ITINERARY OR INTERESTS, WE
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